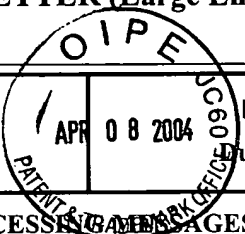
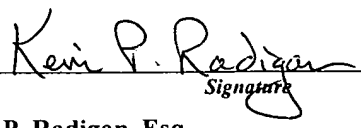



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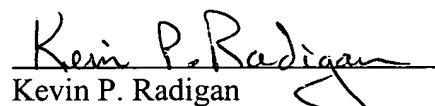
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2004, in connection with the above-designated U.S. patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.